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From the Desk of the President



I SWEAR BY APOLLO

“. . . and to teach them this art, if they want to learn it, without fee or indenture; to impart precept, oral instruction, and all other instruction to my own sons, the sons of my teacher, and to indentured pupils who have taken the physician's oath”

You will recognize this quotation as being part of the Hippocratic Oath, specifically that part relating to our obligations to future physicians and the perpetuation of the art of medicine.

Many of us do or have done direct teaching. Many of us contribute to medical education by donating money either directly to our alma mater or to the AMA-ERF. But the greatest opportunity of all exists right here in our own midst—the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation.

The Foundation is sorely in need of contributions in order to grow to the point where we can award meaningful scholarships. All scholarships to date have been for \$500—a mere drop in the bucket toward today's medical education, and an embarrassingly small amount to be offered by a medical society of our size.

If all of our members would make a small yearly gift to the Foundation, it would grow and grow. Contributions may also be made by setting up a bequest to the Foundation in your will. All gifts, donations, contributions and bequests are tax-exempt.

And, by Apollo, your generosity will be appreciated!

—John F. Stotler, M.D.
President



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Editorial

The following is reprinted from the COLLEGE OF MEDICINE JOURNAL of Ohio State University, Vol. XXI, No. 4, at the suggestion of Dr. Charles McGower—another urgent reminder of the nation's #1 health hazard.

—F. A. P.

THE STRUTHIOUS SYNDROME *

Or, cool it — smoking doc!

Bronchogenic carcinoma is the leading cause of death by cancer in males and the only cancer on the increase in females. Last year's statistics show more people died from this cause than on the highway. *AMA News* reported last month that the medical chief of London (Eng) Department of Health indicted cigarette smoking as a direct or indirect cause of ten per cent of the deaths in Great Britain last year. These include pulmonary emphysema, coronary heart disease, cancer of larynx, bladder, esophagus, etc. — an epidemic!

An epidemic — Dr. Overholt, a Boston thoracic surgeon suggests, which is subsidized by the government, and spread (demonstrated) to the young by parents, teachers, clergy and unfortunately, *even physicians*.

Smoking is an example of the mode of administration of a drug probably being more toxic than the drug itself (nicotine).

Many physicians (and others) began smoking before the overwhelming evidence identified it as a health hazard. Some are hooked, i.e., physiologically and psychologically addicted; others rationalize by denying or defying the health hazard; some dodge the issue with non sequiturs — "I might get killed in an auto accident."

Whatever the reason, a smoking physician constitutes an environmental hazard. A recent survey of smokers highlighted a major reason for their denial of the hazard as, "*my doctor smokes.*"

Get the point?

There is no way — repeat — *no way*, young people entering the health professions can avoid the issue. To smoke is to model a health hazard of epidemic proportions. If medical or nursing students are chained to the weed, I propose they be diverted to less sensitive roles, e.g., selling used cars or vacuum sweepers. Or maybe we can hide them in a laboratory.

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At the July 8th meeting, Foundation committee members interviewed applicant John Surry (second from left). Conducting the interview are Dr. F. L. Schellhase, Dr. John Stotler, Dr. J. C. Melnick and Dr. J. W. Tandatnick.

The Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation was formed by the membership of the Mahoning County Medical Society at a historic meeting held in May, 1966. At that meeting a previous organization, the Medical Service Foundation, was dissolved.

The older Foundation had accomplished a great amount of good in its 18 years of existence. It provided thousands of dollars in loans to medical students, four of whom are now members of the Mahoning County Medical Society. It provided nursing scholarships and gave a large amount of money to Youngstown University.

It had been funded by physicians donating all of the money they received for care of welfare patients. At that time, the Mahoning County Welfare Department was paying doctors \$1.35 per patient per day. Physicians signed this money over to the Foundation and literally did welfare work without charge. By 1966, the Welfare Department had begun to renege on its payments, thus effectively shutting off the Foundation's income.

At that May meeting, after terminating the now impotent Medical Service Foundation, the members voted to take the money accrued from the polio immunization campaign, which then amounted to \$24,746, add it to the money left in the old Foundation, \$14,962, and organize a new Foundation in the name of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Today's Foundation is managed by an appointing committee consisting of the president of the Mahoning County Medical Society and six elected committee members. Currently these are: Dr. John Stotler, president; Dr. G. E. DeCicco, Dr. S. F. Gaylord, Dr. J. C. Melnick, Dr. John J. McDonough, Dr. F. L. Schellhase and Dr. J. W. Tandatnick.

The amount of money available to the Foundation has continued to grow, mainly through the repayment of loans made by the previous Foundation. One recipient, Dr. Melnick, has completely repaid his loan, while four others are making payments on a regularly scheduled basis. As a result, the total contributions to the Foundation, as reported at the July 8th committee meeting, is \$46,066. Six \$500 scholarships have been given to deserving medical students since 1966.

Basic requirements for a student to receive a scholarship are threefold: (1) The student must have completed one year of medical school; (2) he or she must be a resident of Mahoning or Trumbull County; and (3) must show a need for assistance and be willing to submit a financial statement.

An application form has been developed by the committee, and copies are available at the medical society office. Prospective medical students,

who are eligible according to the above requirements, are encouraged to fill out an application and submit it to the medical society office. Applicants will be called in when possible to meet with the committee for a personal interview. The committee holds an annual meeting in June or July and often holds intermediate meetings to conduct necessary business.

Committee members are united in their plea for contributions to enable the Foundation to grow and permit larger and more frequent scholarship awards. Direct contributions are invited. Members also are encouraged to arrange for a bequest in the name of the Foundation. All such gifts are tax-exempt.

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To give currency to smoking by example is anomalous — worse, contradictory, for a professed health preserver and restorer.

Modern Medicine's recent poll noted 24 per cent of physicians smoked cigarettes while 95 per cent of them advise their patients to quit — a remarkable paradox. Lowest percentage of smoking physicians are thoracic surgeons, radiologists and pathologists. Need I say more?

Exhorted on every hand — justifiably — to discourage smoking, it is antithetical to graduate smoking models.** It is certainly economically and practically unsound since statistics clearly show a substantial shortening of his practice time. We may be even compromising quality since a survey of a Texan university demonstrated a negative correlation between smoking and scholastic achievement in college students.

The American Cancer Society suggests all health professionals redouble their efforts to mitigate this ultimate contradiction — a killer and disabler (smoking) in institutions dedicated to relieving suffering (hospitals, physicians, nurses, etc.).

LET'S PULL OUR HEADS OUT OF THE SAND AND . . . right on!

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—Ernest W. Johnson, MD, Editor
College of Medicine Journal, OUS

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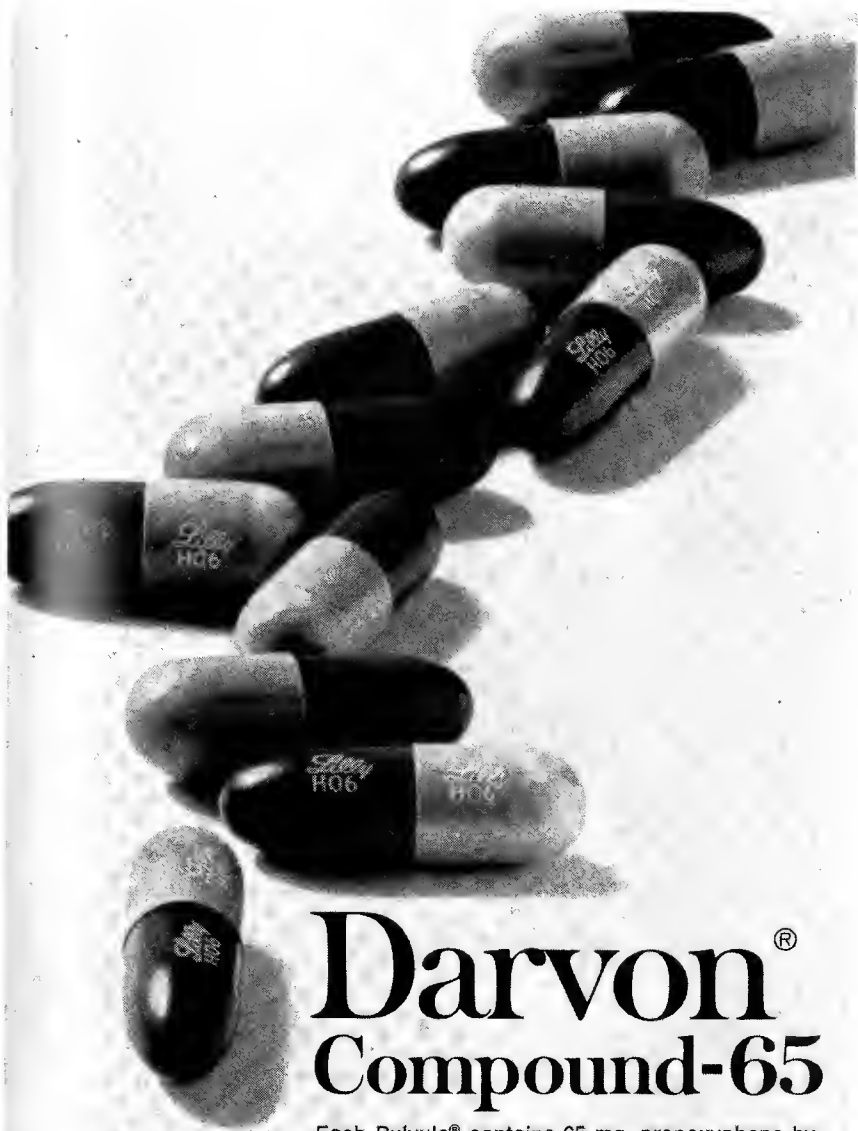
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS DELAYED

The recent constitutional change calling for six meetings a year for the Mahoning County Medical Society, in place of the previously stated ten meetings, is resulting in an unexpected log-jam of applications.

All applications for both associate and active membership received after May 20th, the date of the last regular meeting, must now be held until Nov. 16, the first opportunity for reading before the full membership. Both the June and the October meetings have been cancelled by the constitutional amendment. The September meeting has been given over to the Medical Society and Dental Society annual outing.

All applicants are being given courtesy privileges until the applications can be made official.



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Exhibitors, no longer hampered by the pressure of time and the vagaries of weather, now have the opportunity of preparing exciting and meaningful displays. It is expected that, after the first year, some of the agencies will work toward planning elaborate permanent exhibits, which might, in time, develop into a health museum for year-round use.

The Mahoning County Medical Society will have two exhibits. In addition to the Transparent Woman, pictured here, the Canfield Fair Committee has planned a booth featuring actual suturing (on pigs' feet) with a TV camera focused on the work so that crowds can watch it on two elevated monitors. Surgeons are being asked to work at the exhibit during the six days of the Fair.



Exhibitors in the Medical Health Building will include: Youngstown Society for the Blind, Associated Hospital Service, Mahoning County Cancer Society, Corydon Palmer Dental Society, Eastern Ohio Pharmaceutical Society, Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center, Heart Association of Eastern Ohio, Mahoning Valley Kidney Foundation, all mental health agencies, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Foundation, Planned Parenthood Association, Mahoning Valley Podiatry Society, American Red Cross, Safety Council of Greater Youngstown, Tri-County Radiology Society, Veterinarian Association, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown Hospital Association and Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital.

The three hospitals have combined forces to bring in a most unusual display called "Kool Kat." This is a fascinating and amusing exhibit, and a "must" for everyone attending the Fair.

All physicians and their families are urged to go to the Canfield Fair, Sept. 1 through Sept. 6, to see the new medical health building and to make it their headquarters, and to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Mahoning County Fair, the largest county fair in the state of Ohio.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Doctor, you may get questions about local help for medical students. The Mahoning County Medical Society Foundations does award one or two \$500 scholarships annually. To be eligible, the student must have completed one year of medical school. He may receive an application form by writing or phoning the medical society office (746-8431).

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Aug. 13 Obesity and Its Management (panel)—R. S. Boniface, M.D.,
W. J. Cleary, M.D., B. I. Firestone, M.D.

Aug. 20 Cancer Therapy of the Lymphoma Hodgkins Disorders—
J. K. Altier, M.D.

Aug. 27 Functional Bowel Disorders—S. F. Gaylord, M.D.

Sept. 3 The Management of Common Arrhythmia—L. C. Caccamo, M.D.

Sept. 10 Alcoholism and Its Management—C. Waltner, M.D.

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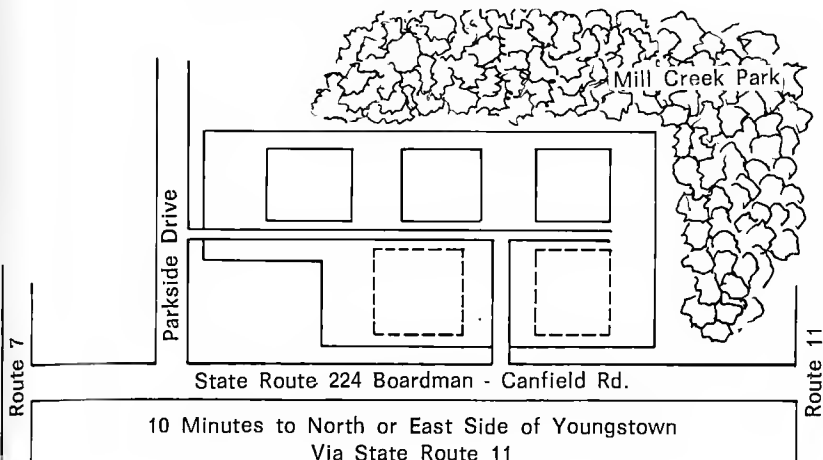
To avoid the charge of abandonment, the doctor is encouraged to follow local practice and notify the patient by certified letter with a return receipt that he is terminating his services. In the letter he should set a date, giving the patient a minimum of two weeks, which can be considered "adequate notice," in which to find another physician. He is then responsible for the patient until that date.

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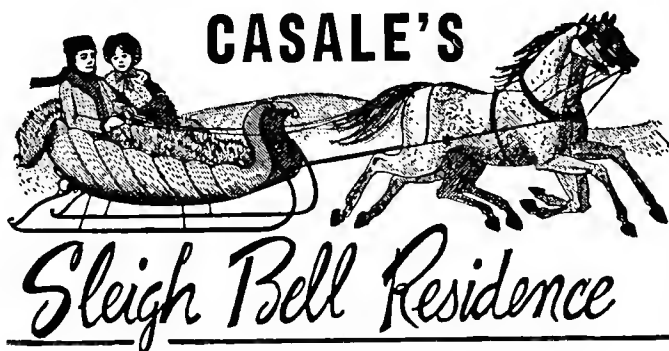


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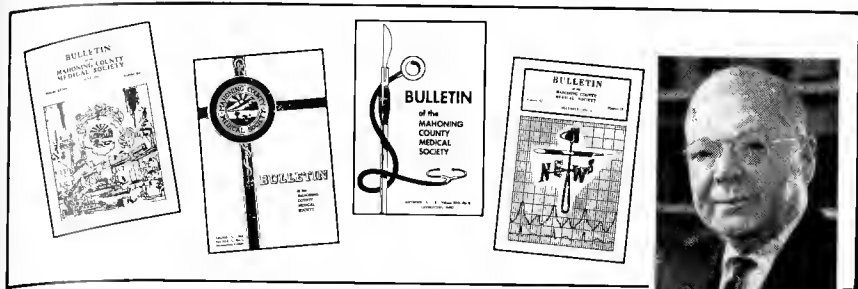
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THIRTY YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1941

The doctors were enjoying a relaxed and carefree summer although Editor Norris said the Committees were busy with Society affairs. The golf day at Southern Hills in July brought out 95 members for an afternoon and evening of fun, food and prizes.

Bill Welsh and John Rogers tied for low gross with 78's and had to play it off later for the trophy and golf bag offered by the Medical-Dental Bureau. Sam Schwebel was low putter and George McKelvey had the longest drive. There were door prizes galore: McElroy got the golf bag donated by Lyons, Fisher got the portable radio donated by Huffman. Kupec got a hand bag from Mead Johnson and Yarmy an electric clock from Jones Drugs.

In the blind bogey prizes were won by some happy players whose clubs are now put aside forever: Hank Osborne, R. R. Morral, Paul Fuzy, W. X. Taylor, J. D. Brown, J. H. Price and John Hardman. They were with us then for that pleasant day and should not be forgotten.

It was the last care-free summer for many a year. The clouds were gathering and by next year we would be in the war up to the hilt. As President Walker said in his message: "How long, O God! Shall America be spared?"

TWENTY YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1951

A survey of physicians' incomes by the Department of Commerce showed that in 1949 the average net income before taxes of physicians in independent practice amounted to \$11,858 while salaried physicians received \$8,272. Specialists earned \$15,014 while general practitioners reported \$8,835. Of the specialists, the highest paid were neuro-surgeons at \$28,628 followed by pathologists with \$22,284.

At the A.M.A. Convention in Atlantic City two Youngstown physician-artists were honored. R. D. Murray was awarded a bronze plaque for his oil painting "The Day's Enigma" and P. J. Harvey received third prize for his snow scene of the steel mills along the Mahoning River.

New internes at the Youngstown Hospital were: Ben Berg, David R. Brown, Robt. G. Warnock and A. E. Billett (dental). Residents were: Charles Giering and Robert Parry in anesthesia, Robert Brown and R. L. Jenkins in internal medicine, Robert Foster in orthopedics, Earl Brant in radiology; R. D. Murray, Paul Fuzy, Jr., and F. L. Fagnano in surgery.

New internes at St. Elizabeth's were: Milan Halmos, Frank Morrison and S. V. Soquiquero. Residents were: E. A. Massulo, Donald Bernat and James R. Sofranec in surgery; Robert Bruchs was chief resident in obstetrics.

Wayne Hardin opened an office for the practice of surgery at 2921 Glenwood Ave. Henry Shorr started practice with Dave Levy in the Home Savings & Loan Bldg. Charles Scofield was named Health Commissioner for Mahoning County.

TEN YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1961

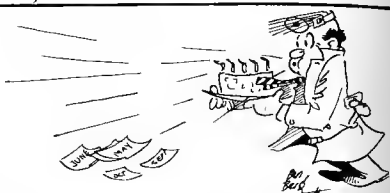
A new medical program was initiated on the radio at noon every day sponsored by Peoples Drug Co. and approved by the A.M.A. It was a five minute talk on a timely subject by James Rogers Fox, on the faculty of the University of Minnesota. Dr. Fox has an excellent radio personality and intimate style that created great interest in the listening public.

The new Sabin oral polio vaccine was available for general use. A controversy was raging over the comparative merits of the Sabin and Salk vaccines.

John J. Turner became a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. Wilfred B. Dodgson joined Hutt and Hovanic in the practice of pediatrics.

—J. L. F.

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BULLETIN BOARD



Dr. Leonard N. Green took office in February for a two-year term as president of the Northern Ohio Neurological Association. The organization, formed last year, is composed of 40 neurologists in Mahoning, Trumbull, Cuyahoga, Lake and Stark counties.

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Dr. S. V. Squicquero, formerly medical director at St. Elizabeth Hospital, has been named to the newly created position of associate director of clinical services. He is also a member of a committee to review budget requests. Other physicians on the committee are Dr. B. I. Firestone and Dr. Rashid Abdu.

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Dr. William R. Johnson was named drug chairman for the Mahoning County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board. He recently addressed the Epsilon Mu Omega alumni chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha at its annual career guidance clinic for junior and senior high school students.

SUPPORT THE MCMS FOUNDATION

Contributions to the Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation, which are tax deductible, are now being solicited so that the Foundation can strengthen its program. Both direct gifts and bequests are encouraged. Checks should be made payable to "Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation," and mailed to the Mahoning County Medical Society, 1005 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44504.

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Dr. David B. Brown was accepted as a Fellow of the American Society for Gastroenterology Endoscopy at a recent meeting of the Society in Miami, Florida.

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Dr. Robert J. Hritz has been certified by the American Board of Surgery, following the board examinations taken at Chicago.

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Dr. Gene D. Fry has been named an alumni trustee of Marietta College, from which he was graduated in 1943. His medical degree was received at Western Reserve University.

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Dr. and Mrs. Sam Adornato have been elected co-presidents of the Parents Study Club for oral deaf classes in the Youngstown public schools.

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Following examinations at Cleveland, six physicians have been certified as Diplomates of the American Board of Family Practice. They are: Dr. U. H. Boening, Dr. F. W. Dunlea, Dr. S. C. Keyes, Dr. D. H. Levy, Dr. R. Roland and Dr. S. Squicquero.

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Another father-son physician combination came into being with the recent graduation of David E. Pichette from St. Louis University School of Medicine. Proud father is Dr. C. Edward Pichette.

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Dr. Kurt Wegner has been appointed to the new position of co-ordinator of pediatric clinical and educational services at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES

You may have noticed the small advertisement in the paper about Paracusal (takes the burn out of burns) without a passing thought.

Yet, there is history about Paracusal. The formula was an idea of the late Carlos C. Booth and was prepared by the late Ralph Yengling.

In 1918 Dr. Booth was chief of surgery at the Youngstown Hospital and Ralph Yengling was hospital pharmacist.

Dr. Booth was bursting with ideas and inventions. In 1900 he had the Lloyd Booth engine works install a motor and transmission in a carriage to make a horseless carriage. He would ride over Lincoln Avenue and up Bryson Street at the reckless speed of 15 miles per hour and frighten all the horses. He was the first doctor in the U.S.A. to make house calls in a motor vehicle.

Eighteen years later he was surgeon for the Republic Iron and Steel Company and interested in the treatment of burns. After he introduced Paracusal, a great many burn cases were treated with it in the Youngstown Hospital.

The name is derived from the formula: Para (for Paraffine Oil) eu (for oil of eucalyptus) and sal (for salicylic acid).

This is not an endorsement of the product but I can say that I have used it many times and never saw any ill effect. There are better treatments for major burns but as a home remedy for minor burns it is good as other products and better than most. It may be messy but it smells good and it has a fifty three year background.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mahoning County Medical Society Foundations has awarded six \$500 scholarships since its inception in 1966. The following, all Youngstown men, are recipients:

Stephen J. Napolitano, M.D.	Creighton U.	graduated 1971
Kenneth W. Blissenbach, M.D.	Ohio State U.	graduated 1970
Thomas S. Pruse, M.D.	Creighton U.	graduated 1970
John L. Zumrick, Jr.	Ohio State U.	class of 1972
Nino DiLullo	Ohio State U.	class of 1972
Theodore J. Pysher	U. of Chicago	class of 1973

CENTENNIAL DESIGN DUE IN 60 DAYS

Only two months remain in which members of the Mahoning County Medical Society, and members of their families, may submit a design for an emblem to be used in the 100th year anniversary celebration. A \$25 cash award will be given for the design accepted by the Centennial Committee. Oct. 15th is the deadline. Design should be mailed to the medical society office.

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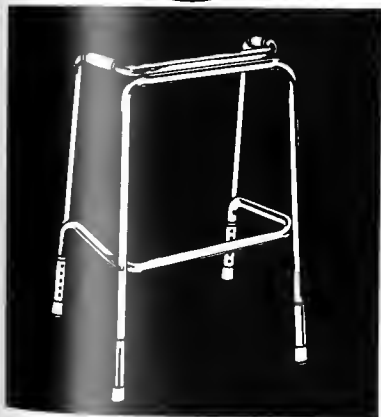
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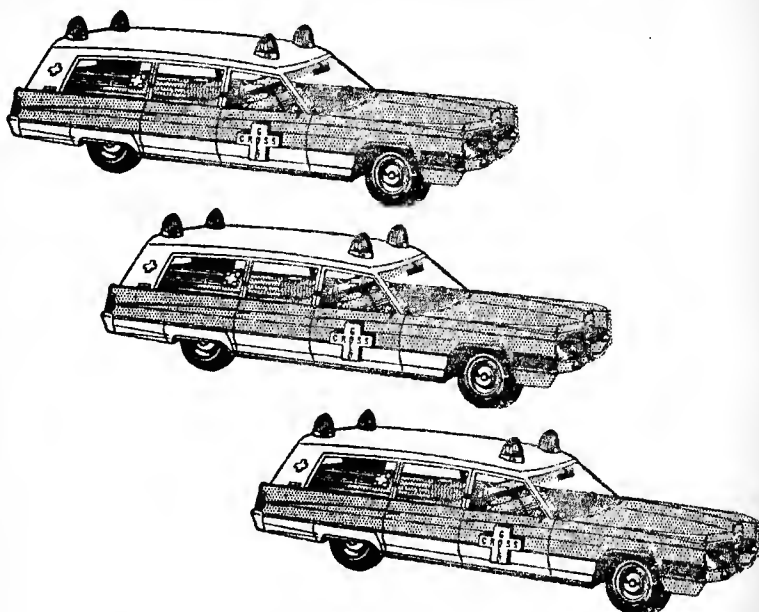


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